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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): O. YOKOMIZO, et al  
Serial No.: 08/470,424  
Filed: June 6, 1995  
For: FUEL ASSEMBLY AND NUCLEAR REACTOR  
Group: 3641  
Examiner: H. Behrend



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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.129(a)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

March 27, 2000

Sir:

In connection with the above-identified application, submitted herewith is a first submission in accordance with the transitional procedures for limited examination after final rejection together with the fee set forth in §1.17(r) and being filed prior to the filing of an Appeal Brief and prior to abandonment of the application according to 37 CFR §1.129(a), noting that a Notice of Appeal was filed January 27, 2000 and an Advisory Action issued February 9, 2000.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 18, line 35, delete "and 3B" insert --, 3B and 3C--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 24, 29, 52 and 56 as follows:

24. (twice amended) A method for operating a nuclear

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